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1. I MET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT HIS REQUEST LATE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 19. HE HANDED ME A COPY OF A TELEGRAM HE HAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY EXPRESSING HIS THANKS TO THE SECRETARY FOR HIS MESSAGE TO THE BOGOTA CONFERENCE, AND IN EFFECT REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY RECEIVE HIM IN WASHINGTON AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT TO DISCUSS WITH HIM THE BASES OF FUTURE DIALOGUE (TEXT OF MESSAGE SENT SPETEL).

2. VAZQUEZ MADE TWO DIRECT REQUESTS. HE WANTS THE SECRETARY TO RECEIVE HIM THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26. VAZQUEZ BELIEVES THAT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF CONTINUITY OF DIALOGUE. (IT IS ALSO OUR IMPRESSION THAT VAZQUEZ WISHES TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THIS TIME FOR PERSONAL REASONS.) SECONDLY, VAZQUEZ SAID THAT THE MEETING NEED ONLY TAKE THIRTY MINUTES BUT THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER BE PRESENT IN ORDER THAT THERE BE VISUAL PROOF THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA THAT HE HAS COMPLIED WITH HIS OBLIGATIONS AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE AND HAS MET WITH THE SECRETARY.

3. VAZQUEZ STATED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN WASHINGTON, HE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH AND KEY MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF IN ORDER TO DISCUSS MORE

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IN DETAIL THE BOGOTA CONFERENCE AND THE FORM THAT FUTURE DIALOGUE

MAY TAKE.

4. VAZQUEZ THEN BEGAN TO TALK ABOUT THE CONFERENCE. MOST OF THE POINTS HE BROUGHT UP WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED IN VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT; VAZQUEZ DID SAY THAT EXCEPT AMONG A FEW MEMBERS, I.E. MEXICO, VENEZUELA, AND JAMAICA, THE PROBLEM OF CUBA WAS NOT DEEPLY FELT. HE DID SAY THAT HE BELIEVED VENEZUELA WOULD RECOGNIZE CUBA SOON. VAZQUEZ DOWNPLAYED THE CONTRIBUTION OF BRAZIL, BUT I BELIEVE THIS IS BECAUSE HE IS STILL IRKED AT THE NON-ATTENDANCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

5. AS I WAS LEAVING, VAZQUEZ MENTIONED THAT AS HE IS HEAD OF GOC DELEGATION TO GA THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITES STATES HE WOULD DEFINITELY GO TO NEW YORK FOR A FEW DAYS.

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